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THOMAS EDISON STATE COLLEGE AWARDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT TO AID URBAN MUNICIPALITIES

Mayor Wayne Smith of Irvington, NJ was among the municipal leaders on hand at a recent press conference by U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg.

TRENTON, N.J. —
Thomas Edison State College has been awarded a federal grant to conduct an economic analysis of a region that comprises 19 urban municipalities in northern and central New Jersey that will help create sustainable economic growth.

The $240,000 grant, provided by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, supports the North-Central New Jersey Urban Economic Analysis Project, a collaborative effort of The John S. Watson Institute for Public Policy of Thomas Edison State College, The New Jersey Urban Mayors Association, state agencies, local businesses and nonprofit and civic organizations.

"This grant enables us to create opportunities for economic growth, training and educational programs and to help local leaders throughout New Jersey develop regional plans that leverage the strengths of existing industries and businesses in their communities," said Dr. George A. Pruitt, president of Thomas Edison State College. "We are honored to lead this collaborative project that will help strengthen our state."

U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg, who helped secure the federal funding for Thomas Edison State College, applauded the project.

"This critical federal funding is seed money to help grow more jobs and sprout stronger urban economies in New Jersey," said Lautenberg, a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee that funds this program. "This grant opens the door for future investment and signals a strong commitment to help revitalize our communities and create sustained economic growth."

The two-year project will assess strengths, weaknesses and challenges in developing strong, viable economic development plans in northern and central New Jersey, including Asbury Park, Bayonne, Bloomfield, East Orange, Elizabeth, Hoboken, Irvington, Jersey City, Lakewood, Neptune, Newark, New Brunswick, Orange, Passaic, Paterson, Perth Amboy, Plainfield, Roselle and Woodbridge.

Total funding for the project is $400,000, which includes $160,000 in funding provided by Thomas Edison State College.

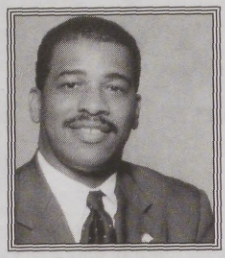
Data from the project will serve as a framework for a comprehensive economic development strategy and planning tool for creating sustainable economic growth in urban communities throughout northern and central New Jersey.

The analysis will also enable leaders in government, business, higher education and the community to track job creation, infrastructure stability, innovations in biotech and communication technology, entrepreneurial opportunities and vocational and college-based training initiatives in the region.

"This project will provide the opportunity for the higher education community to create programs that enable students to prepare for careers – not just jobs," said Pruitt. "This could create a career pipeline for urban residents who require suitable skills to take advantage of the opportunities of economic development."

The project includes the assessment of the capacity of organizations to provide resources to the communities that help grow jobs and create career opportunities and identifying how communities can access those skill sets.

While New Jersey is considered one of the wealthiest states in the country, there is a great disparity in per capita income between urban and suburban communities. The towns and cities targeted in the North-Central New Jersey Urban Economic Analysis Project illustrate the rich cultural diversity and economic differences in the urban municipalities of Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Passaic and Union counties.



MAYOR WAYNE SMITH
Irvington, NJ

MAYOR WAYNE SMITH ANNOUNCES IRVINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT RECEIVES GRANT FROM THE BASEBALL TOMORROW FUND

IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY – MAYOR WAYNE SMITH announced that the Irvington Township Recreation Department was recently awarded a grant in the amount of $99,248.47 from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund. The grant will support renovation of the Irvington Little League facilities and overall league expansion, providing funding for 120 new uniforms, a batting cage, a pitching machine, and various other important maintenance and equipment items.

The ultimate goal of this project is to increase the availability of safe and healthy recreational opportunities for the youth of Irvington Township. The construction component will fully renovate the Little League game field and the adjacent practice field at Chancellor Park; work will include grading, new bases, pitching mounds, installation of infield and outfield sod, and an upgrade to lighting and irrigation systems. With the added bonus of new equipment and uniforms, the league will be outfitted for expansion. In addition to encouraging health and promoting safety for the children of Irvington, this project reflects the vision, community collaboration, and generous support that are necessary for the township to continually move forward with positive initiatives in difficult economic times. Along with the aid from the Baseball Tomorrow Fund, the township has received state grant money from the Green Acres Program, sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, which will cover $35,000 of the practice field renovation.

Celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2009, the Baseball Tomorrow Fund is designed to promote the growth of youth baseball and softball throughout the world by awarding grants to support field renovation and construction projects, equipment and uniform purchases, coaches training material and other selected program expenses. Since its formation by Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association in 1999, the Baseball Tomorrow Fund has awarded over 500 grants totaling more than $19 million to non-profit and tax-exempt organizations in the U.S., Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean,

The Irvington Department of Recreation supports multiple non-profit sports organizations, such as the Irvington Little League, in addition to providing full administration for a wide range of township recreational offerings. For more information on township programs, contact Donald Malloy: (973) 399- 6597. To take advantage of the growing opportunities in Irvington baseball, children should sign up for the Irvington Little League starting in March at the Irvington Public Schools, at the Chris Gatling Center - 285 Union Avenue, or at the Little League field – 468 Chancellor Avenue.

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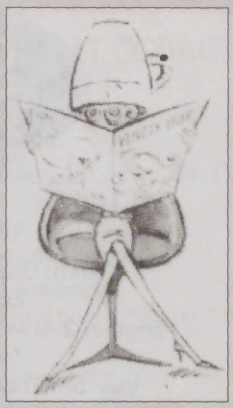

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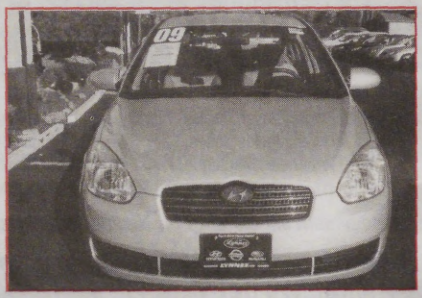

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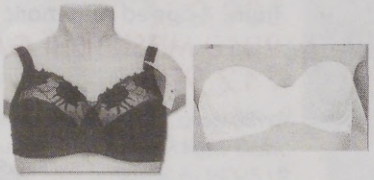

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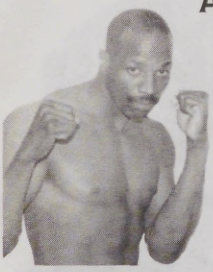
Art Tucker inducted into the NJ Boxing Hall of Fame



Arthur Tucker, more commonly known as "Big Art Tucker," at a early age suffered self-induced pitfalls for a major portion of this life, but has since made a 180 degree turnaround. This lifestyle landed him in prison on a life sentence. Art served the majority of his time behind the rigorous walls of Rahway Prison now known as East Jersey State Prison. During his stay, he and other inmates organized the renowned Lifer's Group Juvenile Awareness Program, which aired on national television as Scared Straight. This program was formed to steer high-risk juveniles in the right direction by using "tough love" methods. Known for its' "in your face" and raw, direct approach tactics, this program was acclaimed for its success.

Art earned an Associates Degree in Business from Mercer County College while serving time in Rahway Prison. He later began to train in Boxing, competing against and slaughtering all who entered the ring. Towering over the majority of his opponents at the staggering height of 6' 6", this is where he got his start as a professional Boxer. After serving 12 years, two in solitary confinement, Arthur was released by the Governor of New Jersey on Executive Clemency. He continued his Boxing career outside of the prison walls, working his way up to fight the likes of Tim Witherspoon, Riddick Bowe, and Tommy Morrison to name a few. Upon retiring from the sport of Boxing, he ranked No. 9 as a World Class Heavy Weight Contender in the International Boxing Federation. (IBF) and World Boxing Association (WBA) with a career record of 30 fights, 25 wins, 20 via knockout, and 5 losses.

Still an avid fan of the sport, Big Art enthusiastically seeks to parlay his experiences inside and out of the ring as a problem solving facilitator where he enables people to make informed choices about their lifestyle. He is a licensed bail bondsman with Octavia Bail Bond and the Co-Founder of Cops, Cons, and Kids; a voluntary non-profit organization designed and established to address issues and situations concerning at-risk youth and ex-convicts making the transition back into society in an effort to build self-esteem and life skills. He is also the Nation of Islam's F.O.I. Captain of Muhammad Mosque # 25 in the City of Newark, under the guidance of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, where he trains God fearing men to be humble, tolerant, courteous, honest, and dependable.

Art has occasionally done Executive Security for many professionals and artists in the entertainment business. However, one of his biggest post-boxing achievements was his assistance in the historical gathering of "Bloods" and "Crips" gang members of six different sects in one room, without incident, to sign a cease-fire peace treaty a reality, constantly working to help make this peace treaty a reality.

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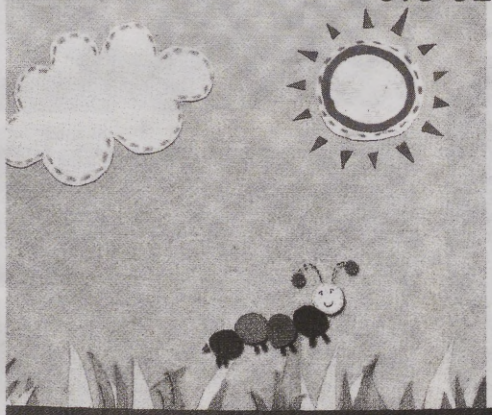

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WISOMMM, Inc.'s 11th Annual African Ball & AWARDS DINNER

Women In Support Of the Million Man March, Inc., celebrated 15 years in support of this worthy cause that took place on October 16, 1995 in Washington, D.C.

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2010 Honorees at the Affair were: Mrs. Mildred English (Educational Excellence Award); David & Shikhana Muhammad & Family (Strong African Family Award); Dr. Gwendolyn Goldsby Grant (Excellence In Health Award).

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ROSA PARKS

The Woman Who Changed a Nation

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Though Rosa Parks is best known for her role as a civil rights activist, the Alabama native also worked as a seamstress at the Montgomery Fair department store. She was on her way home from work Dec. 1, 1955, when she was arrested for refusing to give up her seat on the bus to a white passenger. At the time, she was working on the dress *(shown)* which was intended for personal use. The mustard and gray shawl-collar dress featured a crossover front bodice with a floral and leaf pattern printed on viscose fabric.

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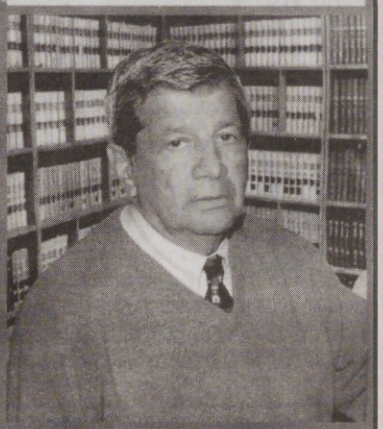

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Fallen Leaves

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Nellie Jane Bush Williams, was born July 2, 1932, to the late Eugene and Bessie Bush in Frosburg, MD.

She was married to James H. Williams, Sr. for fifty-nine years to which this loving union five children were born.

She retired from the Newark City School District after more than twenty years of service. She was a devoted and active member of the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark, NJ, serving on the Deaconess Board, College Scholarship Committee and the Choir. For more than forty years, she dedicated her life to motivating and inspiring young African-American men and women to pursue higher education, believing that education is an essential component for a vital life. As a result of her participation the 'A Better Chance' program, one hundred percent of the students attended college and many are doctors, attorneys and educators.

ALICE MARIE M. BRYANT, 70

She became a Licensed Practical Nurse after working for the RCA Corporation for 20 years, where she served as a Shop Steward. Alice then pursued additional education by attending Essex County College and receiving an Associate in Science Degree in sociology. Her course of employment for the past 20 years has addressed the needs of youth within the City of Newark and the County of Essex. Twelve of these years focused on youth employment and training and eight years were within the youth juvenile justice system.

Alice has worked as a Legislative Aide for Essex County Freeholder Pearl Beatty; Essex County Youth Detention Center – Supervising Community Youth Community Youth Workers; South Ward Boys' Club – Senior Citizen Nursing Coordinator; Mayor's Office of Employment and Training (Newark) – South Ward Coordinator, Monitor/Evaluator, and Fiscal Adminstrator. She has been serving as a Commissioner for the Essex County Commission on Senior Services. Additionally, Alice has volunteered for over a year at the CWU Food Pantry, which provides food and clothing to the impoverished residents of the Township of Irvington and its local surrounding communities. Alice was an avid reader of books with an insatiable thirst for knowledge was a Friend of the Irvington Public Library.

Alice was a faithful and devout member of Our Lady Queen of Angels, RC Church in the following roles: Lector, Secretary for the Pastoral Council, Chairperson of the Parish Stewardship Committee, Member of the Finance Committee, and Chairwoman for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, which under her leadership garnered pledges in excess of the targeted goal.

Her departure from this life occurred on Friday, November 19, 2010 at her place of residence within the Township of Irvington.

Alice leaves to mourn the "center of her life", best friend and daughter, Alison Victoria; sister, Elaine; brother, Nate; aunt, Beulah; niece, Norma; great-nieces: Nancy, Jannah, Jordan Alise, and Ryan Elaine; great-nephew, Jason; and host of other relatives and friends.

NATHANIEL STEELE, SR.
owned barber shop in Weequahic, Newark, 75

Nathaniel Steele, Sr., was born in Rockingham, NC, to the late Amos and Hattie Steele.

Nathaniel opened his own business, "Steele's Coloiial Barber Shop" and serviced the community for over 50 years. He was known as "Steele the Barber." Mayor Sharpe James of Newark, NJ, recognized Nathaniel as being the oldest African American business in the Weequahic section of Newark.

He joined Tabernacle Baptist Church in Burlington, NJ, where he was a member of the Male Chorus. He was a member of Samson Lodge No. 66 F&AM - PHA in Newark, N.J., where he served as Worshipful Master for two consecutive years.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother and friend.

Surviving to cherish the memory of his life are: his loving and devoted wife, Susan; two sons, Nathaniel and David Steele; three daughters, Joy Boone, Susan Steele and Jill Steele-McGhee; two sons-in-law, Kevin Boone and Ron McGhee; two sisters, Naomi McLean and Mary Ruth Waddell; one brother-in-law, Author McLean; one sister-in-law, Mary Jane Smith; 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and countless friends and customers.

Sometimes things just happen... BY TINY PRINCE

AFTER HOURS

SEASON'S GREETINGS

The christmas spirit is circling around the entire Essex County area, we can hear it, and feel it. This column must talk about a group who is making a difference with our children. *Educator's For Kids.* As a private, unselfish organization, they help where it needed (pages 20-21). Our staff member joined them to dispense turkeys to the community for Thanksgiving – they also hold tutoring classes in our communities for our students... Also, remember, our churches and social clubs are still a part of the big picture and we all must try to help others who are not able to help themselves. It doesn't mean that anyone should forget it, because they're feeling the pinch, no one can say they're not, because it's everywhere. White, black, and yellow are talking to each other in hope that we can find someway to help others. Think, because you just might be the one to help someone... Also, keep the faith as far as president Obama, he's only been in, two years, and has accomplished a tremendous amount. You, and your families must continue to believe in him. As far as the bad media press is concerned, ignore it, talk is cheap. The republicans are trying to sell it to you... In other news – we continue to reach out to the cities in Essex County – East Orange, Irvington, Orange, Newark, West Orange, etc., to help others, contribute to the local community food drives by donating a can of soup, tomatoes, potatoes, etc. None of us can forget about our people!

Sorry, we missed, the "soulful lady of song(s) Yvette Glover's B-day Party, twas said it was a blast!

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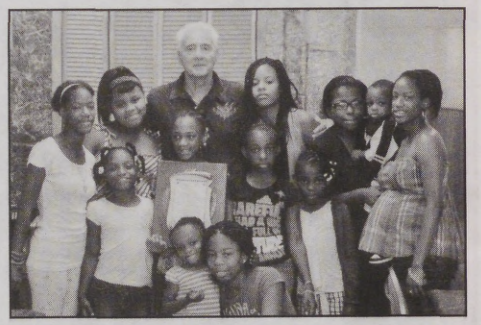
EDUCATOR'S FOR KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM REPORT



Educational insanity seems to be the prevailing wind these days. To combat this insanity, Educators for Kids developed a summer tutoring program for the south ward children of the City of Newark. The site of the program was the Promise Land Church located at 594 Hunterdon Street. Promise Land's pastor, Reverend Chamblee, Carl (Tiny Prince) Brinson, and William

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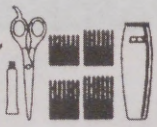

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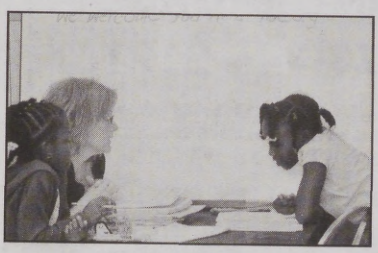
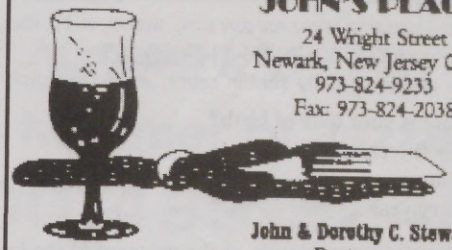
The tutoring program was developed based on New Jersey's core curriculum standards and Newark Public School's summer homework packet. To ensure a quality learning environment, Educators for Kids maintained a 1 teacher to 5 student teaching ratio. This ratio guarantees that all problems are addressed. Included in the program were guest speakers who covered topics such as African American heroes and stories to inspire children to excel educationally. Additionally, Educators for Kids conducted learning programs for the parents of the children so that parents will be able to assist their children when the school year begins.

Educators for Kids realize the enormity of the social and economic problems that exist for today's families. We are committed to assisting and aiding these families so that they may achieve the goals we all wish to achieve in life. Educators for Kids seek the support of all Newark's citizens as we attempt to expand this much needed tutoring program. To help in this endeavor please contact us at romeo.h@educators4kids.org.





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Q: What year?
A: Every year.

Q: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?
A: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

Q: This myasthenia gravis-does it affect your memory at all?
A: Yes.
Q: And in what ways does it affect your memory?
A: I forget.
Q: You forget. Can you give us an example of something that you've forgotten?

Q: All your responses must be oral, OK? What school did you go to?
A: Oral.

Q: The youngest son, the twenty-year old, how old is he?

Q: Were you present when your picture was taken?

Q: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

Q: How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?

Q: You were there until the time you left, is that true?

Q: Trooper, when you stopped the defendant, were your red and blue lights flashing?

A: Yes.

Q: Did the defendant say anything when she got out of her car?

A: Yes sir.

Q: What did she say?

A: What disco am I at?

Q: Can you describe the individual?

A: He was about medium height and had a beard.

Q: Was this a male or a female?

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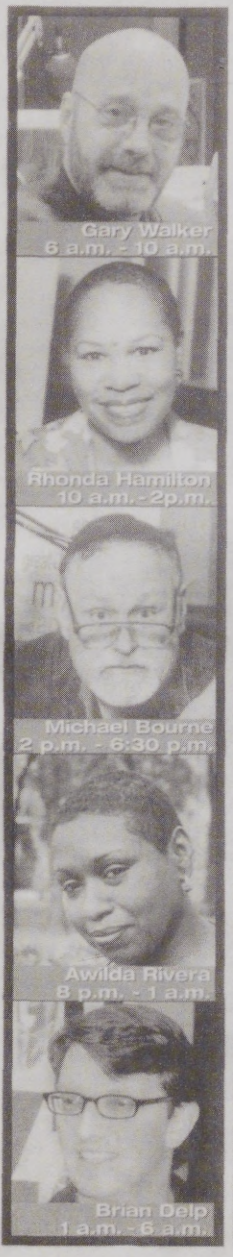

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